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LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT FOR BIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Osimam Bio-solutions, a Netherlands Company, has entered into an agreement with the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the field of bio-technology research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make Andhra Pradesh, a bio-tech hub in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) & (d) The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India has supported a number of Research & Development projects through the national research institutes and universities in the State of Andhra Pradesh. A Biotechnology Incubator Centre is being set up in Hyderabad in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and the Government of Andhra Pradesh. This incubation centre will provide a central facility for biotech entrepreneurs and will also house laboratory modules that will promote entrepreneurship. A Pre- Biotech Process Generator has also been set up at Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad. It is understood that initiatives have been taken by the private sector also towards biotech ventures in the State.